ATHLETICS
The Board of Athletic Control

The administration of athletics at Howard University consists of a Board of Athletic Control composed of three students, three members of the alumni, three members of the faculty, together with the Secretary-Treasurer of the University, who is permanent treasurer, and the head of the Department of Physical Education for Men, who is secretary. This Board is responsible for the general athletic policies of the University as well as for arranging for and carrying out all intercollegiate athletic contests. It elects all student managers of athletic teams and makes rules of eligibility consistent with the rules of the faculty and the conference to which the University belongs.

The Board of Athletic Control takes its responsibility seriously, since it appreciates the importance of athletics in the life of a trained man. It is especially interested in the character-building side of competitive athletics, and is very appreciative of evidences of a high type of sportsmanship. With this particular ideal in mind, it feels proud of the 1930-31 athletic teams of Howard University, and hereby extends its felicitations to these teams for exhibiting, as they have, a high type of sportsmanship in all contests into which they have entered.

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The Department of Physical Education of Howard University

The Department of Physical Education of Howard University is divided into two parts, the Department of Physical Education for Men and the Department of Physical Education for Women. Mr. Clarence W. Davis is the acting head of the Men's Department, while Mrs. Mary R. Allen is the head of the Department for Women.

Even though the two parts are separate, the requirements in both are the same to a large extent. However, the difference in the two departments is purely a matter of activities. The women activities are soccer, hockey, playground baseball, archery and swimming.

Mr. C. W. Davis writes the following on the Department of Physical Education for Men:

"The Department of Physical Education for Men at Howard University consists of three main divisions: First, the department of required work, which takes care of those students who are taking required courses in Physical Education. These students take, during their freshman year, at least one quarter of swimming, one of outdoor games, and one in health education. During their sophomore year they are permitted to elect any activity which they enjoy playing and with which they are familiar. These activities are such as basketball, playground baseball, swimming, soccer, track and field athletics, touch football, golf, and other such games.

"The Department of Physical Education for Men also has within it the department of intramural athletics. This department is primarily interested in those competitive phases of athletics which exist within the walls of the University participated in by students who have not sufficient promise for intercollegiate athletics. The activities of a competitive nature consist of playground ball, basketball, boxing, wrestling, touch football and swimming. This department offers very enviable opportunities for pleasant recreational activities.

The Department of Physical Education for Men also has within it the department of intercollegiate athletics, which is usually the best known in the University. This department is primarily interested in that phase of intercollegiate athletics which makes it possible to develop high character and manhood. The schedule of activities consists of football, basketball, track, soccer, tennis and swimming. The department has a service course for students with remedial physical defects. Students who show organic muscular weakness or inability are given special work for the correction of such defects.

"The Department of Physical Education for Men has enrolled in it a large number of students who are specializing in Physical Education for their life work. These students take a four-year course preparing them to be teachers of health and physical education. They are given practical work."
Football

Coach Thomas Verdell began his second year at Howard University as coach of the football team. He issued the call for candidates at the usual early time, and many of last year's veterans answered the call. Captain Mack, Marshall, Hawkins, Whiting, Ellis, Stokes, Lee, Shelton, Hagan and Payton were among the first to answer the call to the gridiron.

The schedule of the "Bisons" called for eight games this year, and so Coach Verdell began his work of conditioning the men, and later he taught them the new tricks he hoped to pull on the opposition this year. After weeks of hard training the pigskin chasers wended their way to Charlotte, N. C, to encounter the Johnson C. Smith's "Golden Bulls."

In the first game of the season the "Bisons" and "Golden Bulls" played a scoreless tie game. Even though the "Bisons" showed greater strength, they were unable to push over a touchdown and win. Three times during the game Howard came within Smith's ten-yard line, but fumbles by the backfield men lost the ball on each occasion. The play of White at quarterback, Drew, fullback, Captain Mack, end, Greenlee, Hawkins, Stokes and Whiting on the line featured the "Bisons" initial try for the season 1931. Martin, Williams and Foulkes played best for Johnson C. Smith.

West Virginia 7; Howard 0

The "Bisons" came home from their jaunt into the Southland to engage the "Yellowjackets" of West Virginia State College. Coach Verdell had pointed his charges toward this game, as it was considered the first real test of the season. Howard was the pre-game favorite, but West Virginia had other ideas about the matter. They showed us that they had no respect for the football experts who had picked Howard to win.

The "Yellowjackets" presented a versatile running attack that was centered around a halfback named Edwards—and how that man Edwards could run. He reeled off runs of forty-three yards, twenty-five yards and eighteen yards. He also mixed a few shorter runs to make the day's work complete. Late in the third period Edwards crossed the "Bison" goal line for the only counter of the game. The punting of Nash and the runs of Edwards furnished the thrills up to this time. In the fourth quarter Marshall began flipping forward passes to all corners of the gridiron, and most of the passes were caught by our backs or ends. However, the game ended with Howard in possession of the ball on West Virginia's twelve-yard line.

Howard 44; Livingstone 7

In the second home game of the year the "Bison" machine began "hitting" on all eleven, and snowed the Livingstone team down under a score of 44 to 7. In the first three quarters the "Bisons" backs scored practically at will. The line outplayed the Livingstone line to the man. With the forwards charging in the old Verdell manner, there was little for the backs to do other thanatten their scoring averages. White, Marshall and Taylor led the home boys in scoring. Late in the fourth quarter the Livingstone team was able to push over a score on the second team. In this game the scoring punch of the "Bison" team that was thought lacking came to light. The backs ran the ends and received passes from Marshall, practically burying the Livingstone team under the hoofs of the "Thundering Herd." Coach Verdell was well pleased with his charges after this game. In this game many new stars came to light.
as Tom Walker was substituted at center and gave a good account of himself. John Edwards also played in this game. "Sally" Hall astonished the stands by punting over forty yards consistently. Here were the finds Coach Verdell made on this eventful day.

HOWARD 6; NORTH CAROLINA STATE 2

The fourth game of the season was played at home against North Carolina State College of Durham, N. C. The "Bisons" were once more victorious, this time by the score of 6 to 2. The score sounds as if the teams were playing baseball, but you may believe me when I say that the boys were playing the good old game of football. The "Bisons" had underestimated the North Carolina "Tigers" strength. However, the "Bisons" were able to carry the pigskin across the Tarheel boys' goal line before the end of the first half. Line-hucks featuring "Red Bank" Taylor and end runs by Marshall soon put the ball in a scoring position.

Taylor took the ball over, and the "Bisons" had the game in the bag.

North Carolina came back strong in the last half, and it seemed for a while that the boys from the South might tie up the game. However, the strong "Bison" forward wall would stiffen at the right time and check the advance of the North Carolina backs. Late in the fourth quarter one of the North Carolina punts got away from Marshall and rolled over the goal line. Marshall recovered the ball, but was tackled before he could advance it from the end zone. North Carolina was awarded a safety, thereby making the score Howard 6, North Carolina 2.

VIRGINIA STATE 16; HOWARD 13

The Howard "Bisons" journeyed to Petersburg to encounter the strong "Hilltop" eleven of Virginia State College. This was the "Bisons" fifth game. Early in the first quarter State took advantage of the first break of the game. A bad pass from center went outside the end zone and was an automatic safety for State. On the next play Bounds, all C. I. A. A. fullback, ran for a touchdown, and then kicked the extra point, giving State a nine-point lead. The "Bisons" then found themselves, and retaliated by scoring a touchdown. Passing from Marshall to Hall and Taylor placed the ball on State's five-yard line, and Taylor crashed over for the score. Howard made the extra point. The score was State 9, Howard 7.

The second half opened with both teams trying to get a break. Howard got the first break when Marshall intercepted a State pass and ran forty yards for a touchdown. He failed to kick the extra point. Howard was now leading by the score of 13 to 9.

The "Bisons" kept this lead throughout the third period. However, State
came back strong in the last period and scored a touchdown following a march on line-bucks by Bounds, the big fullback. Bounds also kicked the extra point. This spelled defeat for the "Bisons." The game ended with State on the long end of the score of 16 to 13. Oliver, Lewis, Crop and Bounds played best for State. Marshall, who was hurt during the last quarter, Taylor, Walker, Hawkins and Hall played best for the "Bisons."

HAMPTON 13; HOWARD 6

In the sixth game of the season the "Bisons" traveled to Hampton, where they played the "Seasiders" in their own back yard. The "Bisons" played a great defensive game in the first half, which ended in a scoreless tie. However, the "Seasiders"' versatile backs began to find openings in the second half, and soon the Hampton team was ahead by the score of 7 to 0. They maintained this lead throughout the third quarter, and added another touchdown to it in the last one. Edwards, who was substituted for Marshall near the end of the game, won fame for himself by intercepting a Hampton pass and running forty-five yards for a touchdown. The game ended soon after the score.

HOWARD 13; VIRGINIA SEMINARY 6

As a preparation for the Lincoln game on Thanksgiving, Coach Verdell took his proteges to Lynchburg, where they met the eleven that represented Virginia Seminary. Most of the regulars were left at home, and the second team played the game. The scrubs gave a good account of themselves. Score, Howard University 13; Virginia Seminary 6.

HOWARD 2; LINCOLN 0

The "Bisons" were primed for the big game of the year, the "Howard-Lincoln Classic." The game was played in Washington at the American League Baseball Park, commonly known as the Griffith Stadium. The "Bisons" entered the game the underdog for the second year. The year before Howard startled the sport world by holding the powerful "Lions" to a scoreless tie in "Philly." Little did the followers of the Blue and White expect a greater surprise this year.

The "Lions" came to town praising the "Mighty" Sydnor, Lamar, Bennett and Captain Jerry Harmon. Lincoln had lost only one game previously, and had played a tie game with Hampton. All these things raised Lincoln's stock from a football standpoint. The "Bisons" knew all the facts about the Lincoln team, and were ready to do their best.
The game was called late, as usual. Howard was on the defensive most of the first quarter. The punting of Hall took the "Bisons" out of many tight places. Time and again he punted great distances, aided by a strong wind. Lincoln threatened thrice during the first half. These threats were of no avail, as the "Bison" forwards broke up the Lincoln plays when the "Lions" came dangerously near their goal line. Harmon and Lamar carried the brunt of the Lincoln attack, while Marshall, Hall and Taylor did most of the Howard ball-carrying. The Howard line was outplaying the Lincoln forwards. The first half ended with the teams tied, 0-0.

In the second half Howard scored a safety, which proved enough to win the game. Edwards was sent in for Captain Mack. In the early stages of the third quarter he blocked one of Harmon's punts, the ball rolling outside the end zone. The score at the end of the third quarter was Howard 2, Lincoln 0.

The last quarter was a very exciting one. Both teams carried the ball deep into the other's territory, but no score resulted. Near the end of the fourth quarter Howard scored a touchdown on a blocked punt, but the score was not allowed because a substitute was on the field at the time the score was made.

Lincoln was the stronger of the teams offensively, but the great defensive game played by the Howard team more than matched the thrusts of the Lincoln backs and the forward passes that were thrown mostly to the winds. The Howard team checked and double-checked practically every trick that the "Lions" tried. This accounted for the great victory of a team that played "heads-up" football over a confident team.

Once more we write a victory in the "Annals of History" for the "Bisons" of Howard University.
Basketball

The basketball team of Howard University had a very successful season considering the fact that a new system was instituted by Coach Waller, who served his first year here at Howard. Out of the nineteen games played, the team was able to win ten games.

Coach Waller was handicapped early in the season when two of the star players were declared ineligible by the Registrar. This was soon followed by illness to two of the remaining players. However, in the face of these handicaps, Waller was able to produce a team that was able to win most of its games.


The next game resulted in the “Bisons” first loss of the year. At Petersburg, Virginia State College defeated the “Bisons” by the score of 29 to 27 in an overtime period. Just before this game Beasley and Forsythe were declared ineligible. This threw a pall over the “Bison” camp, as Beasley was the captain. However, the boys fought hard, and succumbed to the State team after playing an extra period.
The "Bisons" then went on a trip that carried them to Lynchburg, Va., where they met and defeated the Virginia Seminary team by the score of 31 to 24, and to Charlotte, N. C., where they met and defeated the strong Johnson C. Smith team in an overtime period by the score of 39 to 34.

The "Bisons" opened their home schedule by losing two games, the first to Morgan by the score of 38 to 24, and the second game to Lincoln by the score of 35 to 27. The "Bisons" then journeyed to Baltimore, where Morgan won its second game from the "Men of Waller" by the score of 39 to 21.

The "Bisons" then came home and were able to win the first game by the score of 38 to 24 from St. Paul.

The following week the team lost two games on the road to Union and Hampton by the respective scores of 37 to 28 and 36 to 22.

The Howard basketeers came home, and during their brief stay were able to win three games. First they defeated J. C. Smith for the second time by the score of 31 to 19. Later they defeated Virginia Seminary by the score of 34 to 29. Revenge was sweet when the "Bisons" were able to defeat Hampton by the score of 33 to 28.

The "Bisons" met Lincoln in New York and in Orange, N. J., and were unable to stop the strong "Lions." The scores were 22 to 16 and 40 to 12.

The "Bisons" then came home to make their final stand of the season. They were able to win three out of the remaining four games. Virginia State defeated the "Bisons" on their home court by the score of 25 to 22. The "Bisons" easily defeated Union, Livingstone and North Carolina A. & T. College. The scores were 38 to 17, 35 to 20 and 33 to 17.

During the season Hall, Taylor, Smith and Syphax were the outstanding players for the "Bisons." Taylor served as captain of the team. Hall and Taylor were placed on the second All-C. I. A. A. team.

Lee, DePriest, Norman, Swift and Edwards fitted in nicely with the above-mentioned four men. It was around these men that Coach Waller placed his hopes.

Next year Hall, Syphax, Smith, Taylor, Lee, Edwards, Norman and DePriest will be available. We may expect a team that will carry the Blue and White colors to many victories.

In all, Howard scored 452 points against 438 for their opponents. Howard won ten games and lost nine games.
FOR the first time in the history of Howard University soccer was recognized as a minor sport, and is sponsored by the Board of Athletic Control. This state of affairs was brought about primarily through the efforts of Prince Hosea K. Nyabongo, a native of Africa. With the help of Mr. R. O. Murray, Nyabongo was able to convince the Board of Athletic Control that soccer should be instituted as a minor sport. Previously soccer was sponsored solely by interested students under the guidance of Nyabongo.

The soccer team enjoyed a very successful season this year, and were able to win the championship for the second consecutive year. However, they were not as successful this year as they were last year, when the team went through the season undefeated. The team lost one game—to Hampton by the score of 4 to 3.

The soccer team started practice early this year under the guidance of Coach Arthur Waller, and most of the veterans of last year's team were present, and so the problem of players was soon solved. Before the start of the regular season the team played many exhibition games between the Varsity and the second team. Then the day of the first game arrived. Eight games were scheduled.

The first game was between Howard and the All-Stars. The All-Stars put up a formidable fight in the first half, which ended in a scoreless tie. How-
ever, the Varsity, led by the fleet Nyabongo and Roberts, soon took matters into their own hands. Two goals were scored in the second half, and the "Bison" soccer team walked away with its first victory of the year.

**HOWARD 1; MEDICS 0**

The second game of the year was between the "Bisons" and the Medical School. The Medics team was composed of many old-time Howard stars. The Medics showed the "Hill" boys that they were up to all of their tricks, and actually outplayed them during the first half. However, the "Bison" squad began "clicking" in the later stages of the last half, and scored the goal that spelled defeat for the "doctors."

**HOWARD 4; LINCOLN 3**

The Howard team traveled to Lincoln University, in the woods of Pennsylvania, for the third game of the season. Here they met a fierce "Lion" and tamed it to the tune of 4 to 3. The Lincoln team at this stage was one of the best-balanced aggregations that the "Bisons" met during the season. The playing of Azakewie, Hobson and Maupin of Lincoln and that of Nyabongo and Roberts of Howard were the features. This was the first taste of collegiate competition that the team had met for the year, and they deported themselves in a manner commendable to Howard University.

**HOWARD 4; HAMPTON 0**

The "Bisons" opened their home collegiate competition against Hampton, and easily defeated them by the score of 4 to 0. The play of Sumner, the Hampton goal keeper, kept the score as low as it was. He was able to throw himself in front of many of the Howard shots at the goal and save a point for his Alma Mater. However, he was not able to stop all of the barrage, and consequently the "Bison" forwards got four by him. Brown, Gray, Nyabongo and Roberts played best for Howard. O'Daniels, Williams and Sumner played best for Hampton.

**HOWARD 1; PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS 0**

The Medics, smarting under the early defeat of the season, were out seeking revenge. They came back to play the "Bisons" under the name of the Professional Schools. However, they were not able to fool us. The Medics had imported a few new players from some unknown source. They played their usual driving, dribbling game, and had the "Bisons" on the defensive most of the game. However, the "Bisons" were able to score early in the first half, and as the game progressed they were satisfied to hold their lead and win by one point.

**HOWARD 3; LINCOLN 1**

The "Bisons" met the "Lions" of Lincoln here in their own back yard and defeated them by the score of 3 to 1. The game was a reproduction of the one played earlier in the season.

The "Bisons" later ended the season by losing to Hampton by the score of 4 to 3.
Swimming Team

Three years ago swimming was instituted at Howard University as a minor sport. A team was organized under the swimming instructor, Mr. Clarence Pendleton. At that time the team was able to win all of its meets and claim the championship of colored colleges.

The team of this year has had only one meet, because they were unable to get competition of a collegiate nature. However, the team has been practicing daily, and in the near future hopes to schedule more games.

The swimming branch of the Department of Physical Education, under whose auspices the swimming team functions, promotes a Life-Saving Institute annually, and the members of the swimming team and members of the student body who wish to compete for their Red Cross emblem are allowed to participate. For three years the Life-Saving Institute has been a success, and the enrollment grows annually.

The members of this year's swimming squad are: Nyabongo, Drew, Webb, Aubrey Allen, "Babe" Swift, Randolph Jefferson, Stanley Smith, Alphonso Lyons, and Petie.

From this squad Mr. Pendleton feels that he can select a team that will give a good account of itself against any kind of competition.

Aside from the men's swimming team, Mr. Pendleton is entertaining high hopes of having a women's team in the near future. Many of the women of the University are expert swimmers, and some of them participate in the Life-Saving Institute yearly. It is from these interested participants in the Life-Saving Institute that Mr. Pendleton hopes to build the nucleus for his team.
Track

The track team, under the leadership of Coach Verdell, is giving a good account of itself on the cinder paths this year. It has been many years since Howard has been so formidable on the track.

At the early stages of the season Coach Verdell found himself in possession of many veterans. Many of last year's stars returned to don the spiked shoes. Among them are Larry, star dash man and hurdler; Fernandes, middle distance and miler, who always gives a good account of himself; Mack, a star of the dashes; Cheyne, C. I. A. A. high jump champion; and others. The record-breaking medley relay team returned intact.

In the first meet of the year Howard sent nine men to Greensboro, N. C., to compete in the games of N. C. A. & T. College. These nine men gave their all, and Howard was able to finish third. Morgan won the meet, and A. & T. nosed out Howard by a mere half point.

The second big event of the season was held in the "Bisons"' own stadium. Here the trackmen were able to gather enough points to finish fourth. The Lincoln "Lions" came to town from the "Woods of Pennsylvania" and walked away with the meet. Lincoln scored fifty-two points. Howard was able to gather only twenty points.

The team is entered in the C. I. A. A. Championships that are to be held at Hampton Institute in the near future. Coach Verdell is not predicting the championship for the team, but he thinks that his team will be among the winners when the final event is run.

The performance of Cheyne in the high jump, the discus, the 440 and in the medley relay is encouraging. Mack should keep on scoring in the dashes, and so should Larry. If the increased competition of the championship games can cut into the "Lions'" scoring column, then we may look forward to Howard finishing near the top, if not on top.

Tennis

The tennis team this year is exceptionally strong. With the addition of Gerald Norman, fourth ranking player, the team coasted to a win over Lincoln on Howard's campus.

In the C. I. A. A. championship tournament held at J. C. Smith in Charlotte, N. C., Gerald Norman won the singles championship, and the doubles team of "Spike" Harris and Lee went as far as the semi-finals before they were eliminated.

One more match is carded before the close of the season. The netmen are to travel to Petersburg, where they will engage the Virginia State netmen.

The team is composed of Norman, Harris, Robinson, Syphax, Lee, Lomax, Ukkaid, and Walker, and is coached by Arthur Waller.